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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A cart for moving large irregularly shaped articles, comprising:

a base including a forward end and a rearward end;

first and second upwardly extending arms connected to the base, each of the first and second upwardly extending arms including a distal end coupled to the base and a proximal end, wherein the first and second upwardly extending arms define a first plane formed therebetween;

a lift mechanism positioned between the first and second upwardly extending arms, the lift mechanism including a first support bar mounted adjacent the distal end of the first and second upwardly extending arms for selective movement along the first and second upwardly extending arms, wherein the first support bar includes first and second coupling members for selectively coupling the first support bar to the article, wherein the first and second coupling members are elongated bodies shaped and dimensioned for ready engagement with the article, the first and second coupling members are positioned within, and extend substantially perpendicularly from, the first plane and the first support bar is positioned within the first plane, the lift mechanism also includes a second support bar positioned above the first support bar, the second support bar including a first end and a second end, the first and second ends of the second support bar being fixedly secured to the first and second upwardly extending arms respectively, a crank arm extends between the second support bar and the first support bar, the crank arm permitting controlled movement of the first support bar along the length of the first and second upwardly extending arms.

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2. (ORIGINAL) The cart according to claim 1, wherein the base is substantially C-shaped.
3. (ORIGINAL) The cart according to claim 2, wherein the base includes an opening along the forward end.
4. (ORIGINAL) The cart according to claim 1, wherein the base further includes a pair of rear wheels along the rearward end and a pair of front wheels along the forward end.
5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The cart according to claim 4, wherein the rear wheels are mounted to the base for rotation about a fixed axis and the front wheels being mounted to the base for pivotal movement permitting maneuvering of the cart.
6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The cart according to claim 4, wherein the proximal ends of the first and second upwardly extending arm each include a handle that comprises a U-shaped member curved rearwardly from a first plane in which the first and second upwardly extending arms lie.
7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The cart according to claim 6, wherein a forward end of the U-shaped member is aligned with the first plane and a rearward end of the of the U-shaped member is aligned with a rearward edge of the pair of rear wheels, the rearward end and the rearward edge of the pair of rear wheels lie in a second plane substantially parallel to the first plane, the configuration

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permitting inversion of the cart to a resting position on the second plane wherein the second plane is parallel to the support surface and substantially parallel to the first plane.

8. (CANCELLED)

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10. (ORIGINAL) The cart according to claim 8, wherein the first and second coupling members are secured to the first support bar for selective movement relative thereto in a manner permitting ready attachment to the article.

11. (ORIGINAL) The cart according to claim 10, wherein the first support bar includes slots in which the first and second coupling members are mounted for movement along the first support bar.

12. (ORIGINAL) The cart according to claim 8, wherein the first and second coupling member each include locators assisting in attachment to an article.

13. (ORIGINAL) The cart according to claim 1, wherein the crank arm includes a threaded shaft that engages a threaded cylinder secured to the first support bar.

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14. (ORIGINAL) The cart according to claim 13, wherein the threaded shaft is telescopically received within the threaded cylinder.
15. (ORIGINAL) The cart according to claim 13, wherein the crank arm includes a handle.
16. (ORIGINAL) The cart according to claim 1, wherein the base is collapsible.
17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The cart according to claim 1, wherein the base includes first and second lateral frame members each including a forward arm and a rear support plate, wherein the rear support plates of the first and second lateral frame members are secured to the first and second upwardly extending arms respectively, each of the first and second lateral frame members includes a set screw, a storage groove, a use groove, wheels along a rearward end, and wheels along a forward end, wherein the set screw provides a pivot point permitting rotation of the forward arm into the storage groove or the use groove.
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20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The cart according to claim 17, wherein the rear wheels are mounted to the base for rotation about a fixed axis and the front wheel being mounted to the base for pivotal movement permitting maneuvering of the cart.